

As with the horse and buggy vs. the automobile, radio vs. television, newspaper vs. internet, progress is inevitable. To limit the choices of satellite radio broadcasters when GPS is becoming more and more available for local traffic information, seems nothing more than trying to protect the status quo. Diversity is an asset, such as many local stations providing duplicate coverage of the same situations, and reaching many people for various and possibly emergency purposes. But having two additional nationwide networks that have the ability to contact millions of people simultaneously who otherwise might be unconnected to information while in transit seems to be an asset they might be able to save lives in a time of constantly changing terroristic landscape. In such an unknown situation, the faster people get (correct) information, the better prepared the citizens might be to respond appropriately. Which way would be quicker, simultaneously broadcasting to millions on their commute, or disseminating information in a piecemeal fashion from fragmented networks of local broadcasters.